

**EL DORADO COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2017**

Locations: 2850 Fairlane Court, Placerville, CA
1052 Tata Lane, South Lake Tahoe, CA

Members Present: Dickson Schwarzbach, Chair, County Representative, District 3
Don Nizolek, Vice Chair, County Representative, District 1
Jeanne Lear, South Tahoe Refuse
Nancy Spinella, County Representative, District 4
Frank Papandrea, County Representative, District 5
Jeff England, El Dorado Disposal
Pierre Rivas, City of Placerville
Dr. Katrina Jackson, El Dorado Hills CSD
Mary Cahill, Cameron Park CSD (late arrival)

County Staff: Greg Stanton, Director
Donna Cademartori, Department Analyst
Barbara Houghton, Environmental Management Program Manager
Paul Harden, Environmental Health Specialist
Timothy Engle, Environmental Health Specialist

Members Absent: Ray Jarvis, City of South Lake Tahoe
George Turnboo, County Representative, District 2

Members of the Public: Taylor Grimes, Sustainability Coordinator, El Dorado Disposal
Fred Sanford, Public

1. Call to Order

- ❖ Meeting was called to order at 2:36 p.m. by Dickson.

2. Roll Call (Members)

- ❖ Roll call was taken.

3. Elect Chair and Vice Chair

- ❖ Spinella moved to re-elect Schwarzbach as Chair and Nizolek as Vice Chair. Seconded by Rivas. All members present unanimously approved the motion.

4. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda

- ❖ Jackson made a motion to approve the agenda and consent calendar. Rivas seconded the motion. All members present unanimously approved the motion.

5. Public Comment (non-Agenda Items)

- ❖ Schwarzbach requested introduction of public guests. Grimes, Sanford, and Engle introduced themselves. Taylor Grimes is a Sustainability Coordinator with El Dorado Disposal. Fred Sanford is retired from the County of El Dorado, Community Development Agency, Environmental Management Division (EMD).

Consent Agenda:

6. Approval of EDSWAC Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2016

- ❖ Approved in Item #4

7. Agency/Jurisdiction reports – Receive and File

- ❖ Approved in Item #4

Discussion and Possible Action Items:

8. 2017 Meeting Schedule

Discussion and adoption of revised 2017 Meeting Schedule and routine business topics.

- ❖ Schwarzbach reminded members that the revision was requested as intent to provide more predictability on what data would be provided at each meeting and when site visit would occur.
- ❖ Stanton added that the 2017 Meeting Schedule that was provided at the November EDSWAC meeting was approved by EDSWAC. At that meeting Schwarzbach suggested that the detail described above be added. The items listed in the revised 2017 Meeting Schedule are not set in stone and are open to EDSWAC discussion.
- ❖ There was discussion on changes to the revised 2017 Meeting Schedule. Schwarzbach summarized EDSWAC discussion into 2 edits to make to the revised schedule: 1) add the annual expectations for the year; and 2) the new schedule be used each year so that members will know what regular items will be discussed at each meeting. Schwarzbach motioned to approve these two edits. Spinella seconded the motion. All members present unanimously approved the motions.

9. Recycling Public Education Campaign.

Discussion and possible action regarding ideas for a public education campaign to help County's diversion goal of 75% by 2020.

- ❖ This item is on the agenda to give EDSWAC opportunity to have an open discussion and brainstorm ideas for expanded recycling/diversion public outreach and education programs. Discussion included:
 - 1) Recap of what has been developed so far (El Dorado Recycles logo, ideas for use of the logo, labels of what is/isn't recyclable for recycling carts, use of QR code and a link to a list of what is/isn't recyclable).
 - 2) Recycling information available on County and waste hauler websites.
 - 3) Accessibility of recycling information on County and waste hauler websites.
 - 4) Adding visuals to websites and social media ("How To" videos/guides).
 - 5) Enhancing the EDSWAC web page to include members, and example of work performed.
 - 6) Option to create an Ad Hoc to develop a slogan.
 - 7) Distribution of the El Dorado Recycles logo (smaller stickers, using it on all outreach materials). EMD continues to look for funding to expand use of the logo.
 - 8) Recognition of facilities that are participating in a food waste recycling program.
 - 9) Collaborating with local youth and community organizations.
 - 10) Focus on targeted waste streams (keeping contamination out of green waste, C&D program information to contractors, home composting).
 - 11) Share the logo and be sure everyone is using it on all their letters, publications, media, etc.

12) Comment on how public education should be related to specific strategies in the El Dorado County Solid Waste Management Plan.

- ❖ It was mentioned that there is an opportunity for EDSWAC to be involved in legislative development. Stanton shared that there is a Rural Counties Environmental Services Joint Powers Authority (ESJPA). ESJPA discusses impacts newly proposed environmental legislation may have on rural counties. EDSWAC could review the legislation and provide recommendations to the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors (BOS) who would review and choose whether or not to take a position. Stanton will bring the list of legislative items currently under review to the next EDSWAC meeting.
- ❖ Schwarzbach made motion of the following two items:
 - 1) Motion to focus on websites, develop resources (ex., "How To" videos/guides, list of what can be recycled) and create visuals for achieving 75% by 2020. Spinella seconded the motion. All members present unanimously approved the motion.
 - 2) Motion that EDSWAC review proposed legislation and provide recommendations to the BOS as appropriate. Cahill seconded the motion. All members present unanimously approved the motion.

10. Update regarding the formation of the West Slope JPA - Stanton

- ❖ Stanton provided a detailed overview of the history behind the potential formation of a West Slope Solid Waste Joint Powers Authority (WSJPA) specifically in reference to the April 17, 2012 Board date. Nizolek asked what the BOS' thoughts were on formation of a WSJPA at that time. Stanton commented that their consensus was not unanimous. Some thought it seemed duplicative since the County's current waste service agreement includes a brand new state of the art materials recovery facility (MRF) which will benefit all jurisdictions. However; there is also opportunity for a WSJPA to have their own budget, execute their own contracts, and perform independent work.
- ❖ Stanton presented EDSWAC with a draft letter for their review and comment to be sent to the agencies on the west slope (City of Placerville, Cameron Park CSD, & El Dorado Hills CSD) who may be interested in the formation of, and participation in a WSJPA. The draft letter requests that the agencies place an item on their respective Board or Council agendas for consideration. Stanton informed EDSWAC that there are no obligations for them to place the item on their respective agendas; however, we will ask that they respond in writing for our records. If there is an interest, staff will bring it back to the El Dorado BOS for consideration.
- ❖ Cahill asked about the budget for a WSJPA. Stanton responded that there is no financial responsibility on the part of the participating jurisdictions, but as an example each of the participating jurisdictions in the East Slope Joint Powers Authority (East Slope JPA) (El Dorado County, City of South Lake Tahoe, and Douglas County, NV) contributed about \$50,000 when the East Slope JPA was formed. The WSJPA could apply for grants for public education etc. Learn ask whether all needed to participate to have a successful WSJPA. Stanton noted that there are four that would be the core (El Dorado County, City of Placerville, Cameron Park CSD, and El Dorado Hills CSD), but there would be opportunity for others to join (US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, etc.). Stanton stated that the heart of including the formation of a WSJPA in the El Dorado County SWMP was to be able to speak as one voice in hopes to get an improved MRF in the County.

Ultimately, each jurisdiction negotiated independent agreements with El Dorado Disposal (EDD). The current agreement between El Dorado County and EDD includes a commitment for EDD to build a brand new state of the art MRF which will benefit all jurisdictions.

- ❖ Discussion concluded with comments that Staff would reach out to jurisdictions for updates on their interest and report back to EDSWAC. No motion was made.

11. EP3 Draft Policy Update – Stanton

- ❖ Stanton informed EDSWAC that unfortunately there is not an update. Nizolek asked when EDSWAC will get to see it and what has been the reason for staff not presented it to EDSWAC yet. Stanton responded that staff has prepared a draft but it is in “tracked changes” form with comments, additions, revisions highlighted for the County of El Dorado Administrative Office’s (CAO) review. Staff is happy to supply EDSWAC with the draft for review with the understanding that there will likely be additional comments and edits by the CAO’s Office. Staff will supply EDSWAC with the draft in advance of the next EDSWAC meeting.

12. Provide a list of businesses & schools participating in organics recycling – England

- ❖ England provided a list of restaurants, stores, and schools participating in the pilot food waste program and information on CleanWorld, the recycler EDD takes their food waste to for anaerobic digestion (attached). England also included a list of schools that participate in traditional recycling (attached).
- ❖ There was discussion on Mandatory State reporting. Both AB 341 and AB 1826 require reporting on compliance of Mandatory Commercial Recycling and Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling. EDD and South Tahoe Refuse provided information on some of the challenges to determine whether a facility exceeds the threshold and included that CalRecycle provides resources to help jurisdictions determine which facilities need to comply and when. The State (AB 1826) determines which facilities must comply. England added that compliance is not operationally easy for most businesses. Some have additional challenges (example: shared dumpsters). Lear commented that some have back haul programs for both traditional and food waste recycling.
- ❖ Houghton shared that Environmental Health Specialists performing food facility inspections may be able to help educate food facilities on AB 1826 requirements and compliance options. Stanton shared that staff has meet with Health and Human Services and the El Dorado County Foodbank to explore the opportunity for an expanded food rescue program. The flagship program is called “Waste Not OC”. Waste Not OC provides information on how food facilities can donate food safely and where they can donate to help those in need in the community.
- ❖ There was discussion on how facilities could receive recognition of “sustainable environmental practices”. Schwarzbach motioned EDSWAC has an interest in recognizing businesses that have implemented “sustainable environmental practices” with a certificate of “thanks” and that the recognition include data on how much the business has diverted from being landfilled. Spinella seconded the motion. All members present unanimously approved the motion.

13. Next Meeting: Monday, May 15, 2017, 2:30 p.m.

Open Forum – Items for Discussion

❖ None

Action items for next meeting:

1. Provide EDSWAC final Agenda Calendar
2. Website updates - Velasco
3. List of pending legislation to EDSWAC - Stanton
4. Findings regarding West Slope JPA - Stanton
5. Draft certificate of appreciation for “sustainable environmental practices” - Velasco
6. EP3 Draft Policy Update – Stanton/Velasco
7. End of Year 2016 (4th Quarter 2016) Waste/Recycling Tonnage Reports and Paris Reports review – England and Lear

14. **Adjournment**

❖ Dickson made a motion to adjourn. Cahill seconded the motion. All members present unanimously approved the motion. Meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

“Approved

Chairperson

Date”